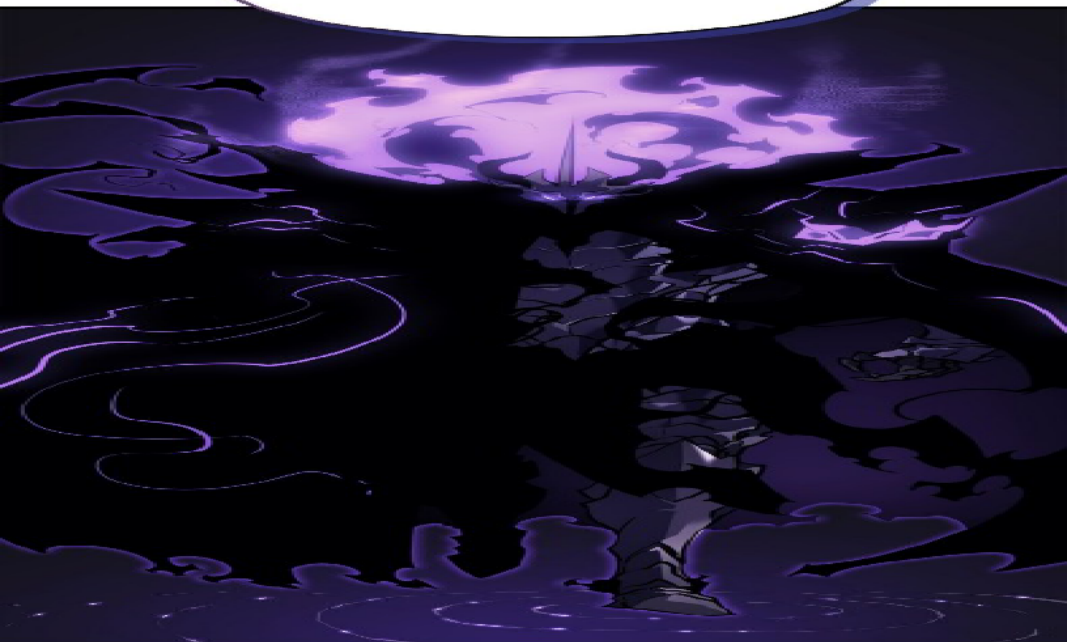


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THE DEAD?



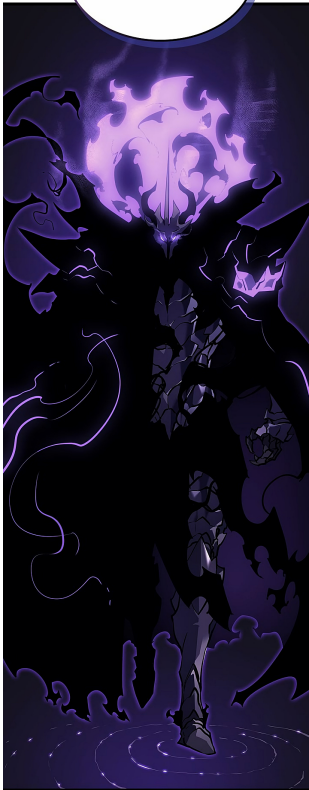
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YOU COULD LIVE  
IN THIS WORLD  
FOREVER IF YOU  
WANTED TO.



IT WOULD BE LIKE  
NEVER WAKING UP  
FROM A HAPPY  
DREAM.





YOU WANT ME TO  
REMAIN TRAPPED IN  
THIS ILLUSION YOU  
CREATED?

NO, I AM NOT THE  
CREATOR OF THIS  
WORLD.

YOU ARE.



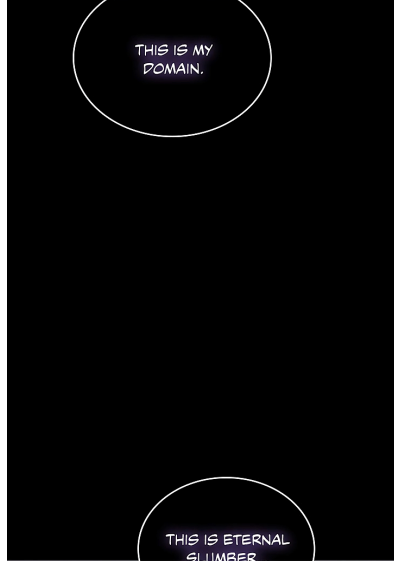
I CREATED  
THIS WORLD?

YOUR DESIRE TO  
CORRECT YOUR MISTAKES,  
COMBINED WITH MY  
POWER...

THAT IS WHAT  
CREATED THIS  
WORLD.



THIS IS MY  
DOMAIN.



THIS IS ETERNAL  
SLUMBER...





DEATH.



I HAVE BEEN  
WATCHING YOU FOR  
A LONG TIME. FOR  
FAR LONGER THAN  
YOU MIGHT THINK.

EVEN THOUGH  
YOU WERE CLOSER  
TO DEATH'S DOOR  
THAN ANYONE ELSE,  
YOU DESPERATELY  
RESISTED IT.



I AM THE  
RECORD OF YOUR  
STRUGGLES, THE  
EVIDENCE OF YOUR  
RESISTANCE, AND  
THE REWARD FOR  
YOUR PAIN.

I AM ALSO DEATH,  
ETERNAL SLUMBER,  
AND TERROR.

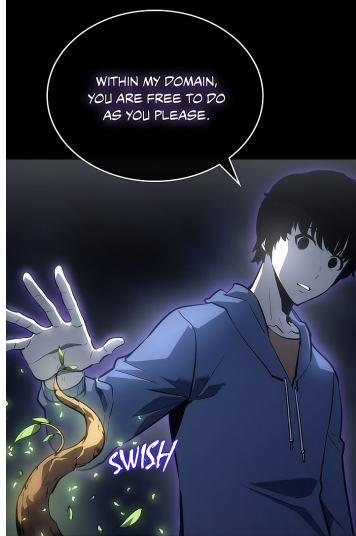


I AM...

...YOU.



WITHIN MY DOMAIN,  
YOU ARE FREE TO DO  
AS YOU PLEASE.





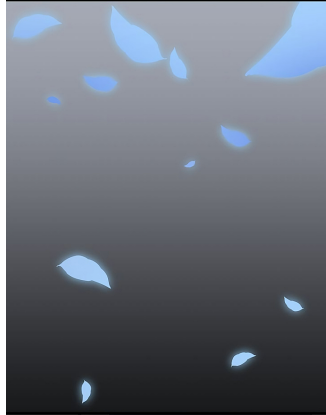
YOU MAY TURN  
ANYTHING THAT IS A  
PART OF MY DOMAIN  
INTO YOURS...

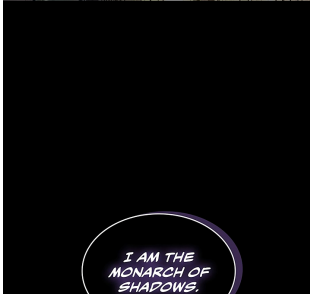
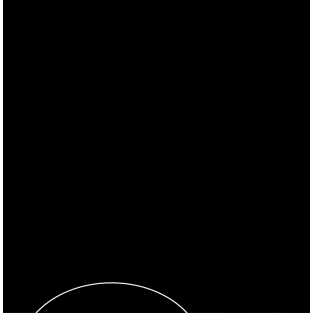




...AND ABSORB  
MY POWERS FROM  
THEM.

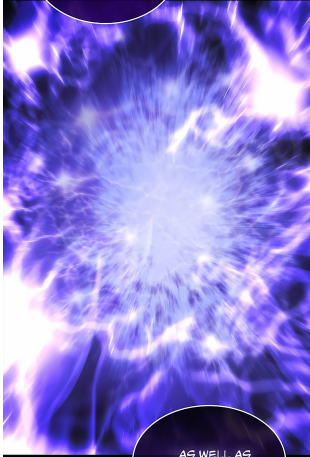








I WILL SHOW YOU  
OUR BEGINNING  
AND END...



...AS WELL AS  
YOUR BEGINNING.





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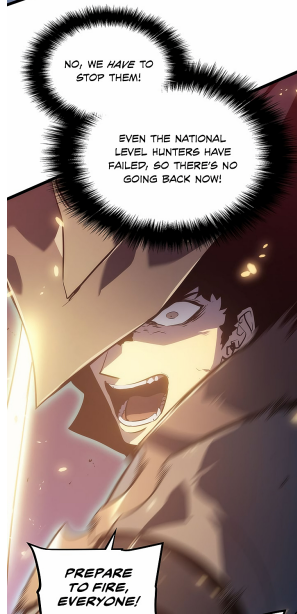
HE HAS  
DEFINITELY  
STOPPED  
BREATHING.



HEY... I CAN'T  
FEEL SUNG JINWOO'S  
PRESENCE ANYMORE.  
IT DISAPPEARED.

WHAT  
HAPPENED?

W, WELL...

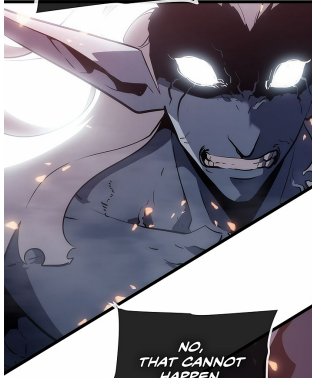








WAIT, DON'T  
TELL ME...!



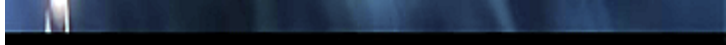
NO,  
THAT CANNOT  
HAPPEN.



WE CANNOT  
HAVE THE TRUE KING  
DESCEND AFTER THE  
FAKE ONE HAS DIED!  
WE MUST STOP THAT  
FROM HAPPENING AT  
ALL COSTS!











THWACK



KA

BOOM





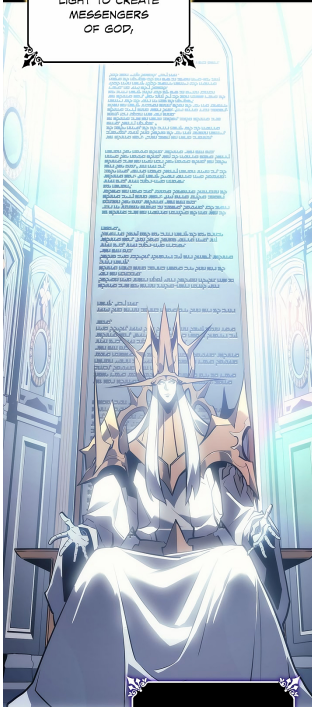
IS TO LAY A  
FINGER ON  
THIS CHILD.



IN ANOTHER  
WORLD,

THERE WAS LIGHT AND  
DARKNESS AT A TIME WHEN  
NOTHING ELSE EXISTED.

THE "ABSOLUTE  
BEING" SPLIT THE  
LIGHT TO CREATE  
MESSENGERS  
OF GOD,



AND SPLIT  
THE DARKNESS TO  
CREATE THE EIGHT  
MONARCHS.

THE MONARCHS WHO  
WERE BORN TO DESTROY

...AND THEY  
THE WORLD...



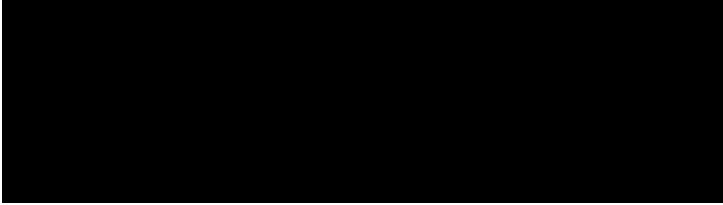
...AND THE MESSENGERS  
WHO WERE BORN TO MAINTAIN  
IT... KILLED EACH OTHER'S  
SOLDIERS TO NO END.

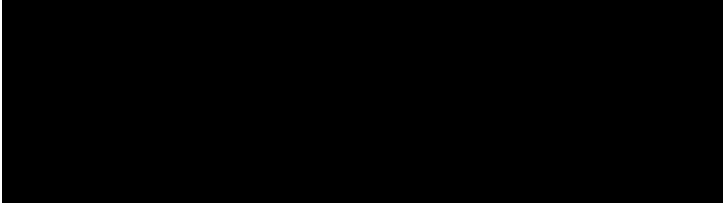
EXHAUSTED BY THE  
NEVER-ENDING WAR,

THE GREATEST  
FRAGMENT OF BRILLIANT  
LIGHT ASKED THE  
ABSOLUTE BEING...



OH, ABSOLUTE BEING.  
WHY HAVE YOU NOT  
HELPED YOUR FAITHFUL  
SUBJECTS?





CAN YOU NOT HEAR  
THE SCREAMS OF THE  
COUNTLESS SOLDIERS  
WHO HAVE DIED IN  
YOUR HONOR?



PLEASE LEND  
US THE STRENGTH  
TO ERADICATE OUR  
FOES.

WE SHALL BEHEAD  
THEM AND OFFER  
YOU THEIR HEADS  
AS TRIBUTE.

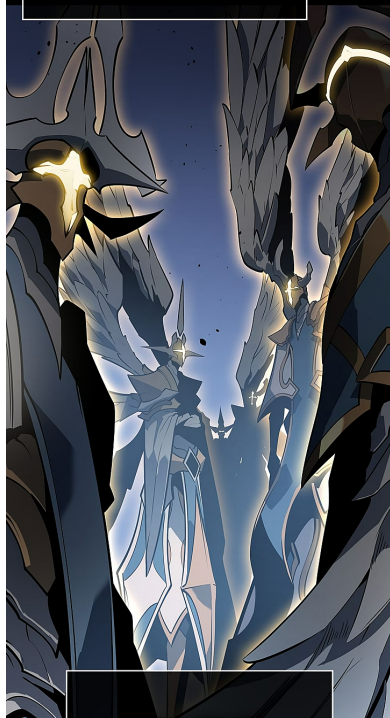
BUT THE ABSOLUTE  
BEING DID NOT  
RESPOND.





THAT IS WHEN THE  
FRAGMENTS OF BRILLIANT  
LIGHT REALIZED THAT...

...THEIR BATTLE AGAINST  
THE MONARCHS WAS  
NOTHING BUT A SOURCE OF  
ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE  
ABSOLUTE BEING...



...AND THAT THE  
ABSOLUTE BEING DID  
NOT WANT THE WAR  
TO END.

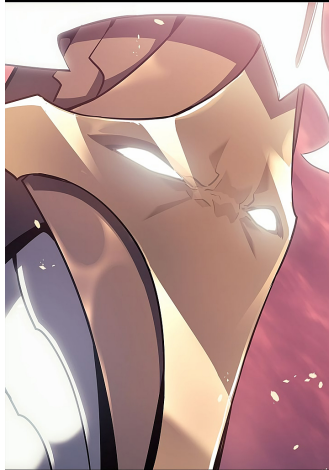


*THOSE WHO FAIL TO OBEY  
THESE COMMANDMENTS  
SHALL NOT BE SPARED.*

BUT THE NUMBER OF LIVES  
THAT WERE LOST VASTLY  
OUTNUMBERED THOSE WHO  
OVERCAME DEATH.



DEATH AWAITED EVEN  
THOSE WHO ABIDED BY  
THE COMMANDMENTS.



THE WAR WILL  
NEVER END AS LONG  
AS THE ABSOLUTE  
BEING EXISTS.



THE FRAGMENTS  
OF BRILLIANT LIGHT  
DREW THEIR SWORDS  
TO PUT AN END TO THE  
MEANINGLESS  
FIGHT.

IT WAS A  
REBELLION.



POINT

THAT IS  
MY FORMER  
SELF.

I WAS THE ONLY  
MESSENGER OF  
GOD WHO STOOD  
UP AGAINST THE  
REBELS.



BUT MY ARMY  
WAS A PITIFUL  
SIGHT.

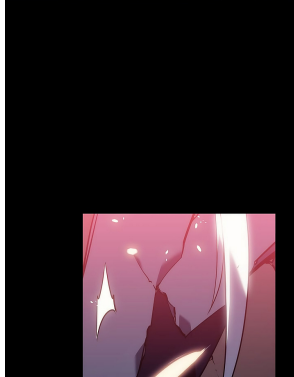
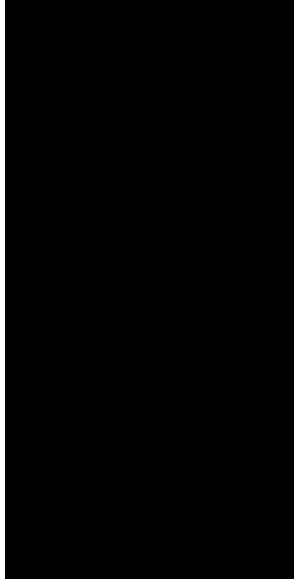
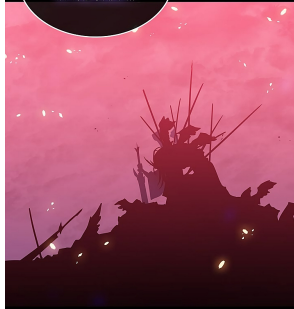


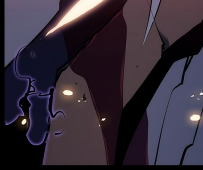
THEY WERE  
NO MATCH FOR  
THE ALLIED  
MESSENGERS.

I THOUGHT  
THE END HAD  
COME.



BUT WHEN I  
OPENED MY EYES  
IN THE DARK...





...I LEARNED THAT  
THE ABSOLUTE BEING  
HAD HIDDEN A POWER  
WITHIN ME.







*ARISE.*

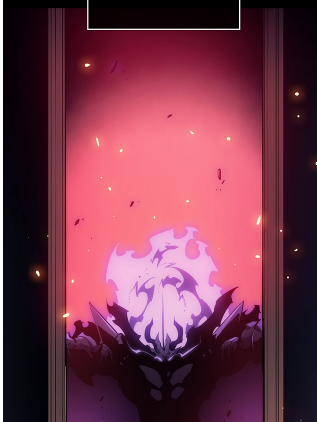


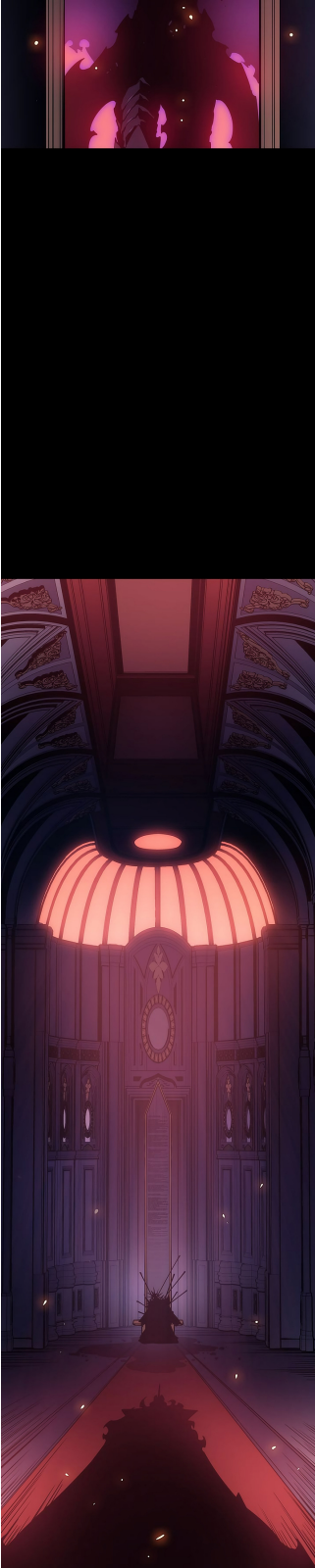


I LED MY  
NEW ARMY INTO  
BATTLE.



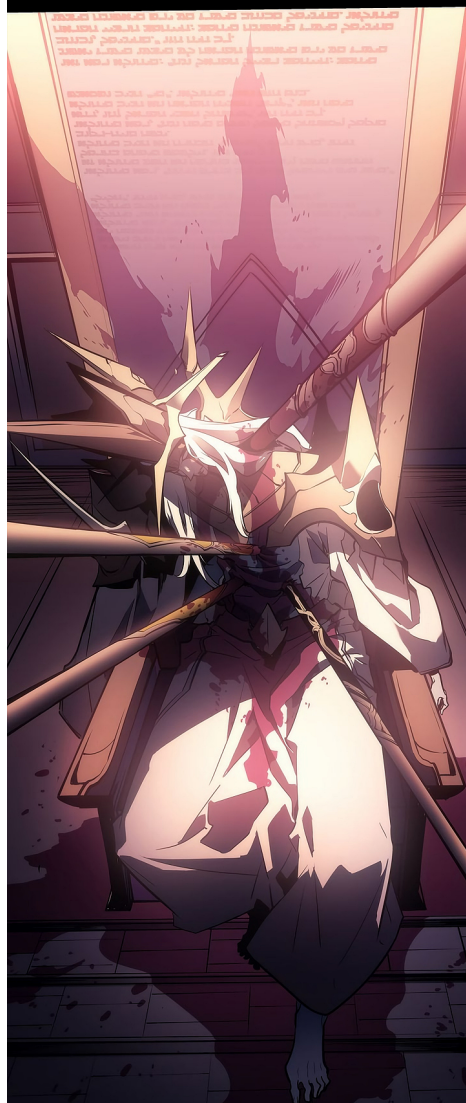
HOWEVER...







...BY THE TIME I  
RETURNED, EVERYTHING  
WAS ALREADY OVER.





To Be C

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